

September 25, 2021

Dear Praying Family and Friends,

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- I was discharged from the hospital on September 18, and a week later I am almost back to “normal.” In other words, the steroid withdrawal is essentially finished.
- I am back to the weight I had when beginning the last cycle of chemo on September 13 (175 pounds), which means that all the “water weight” I accumulated during the week-long chemo cycle has been shed.
- My appetite is good. I have no adverse side effects which they constantly query me about (I know, I know. It's their job).
- This week I changed the lantana in the kitchen window flower box to yellow and white pansies. Same with two planter boxes out in the garden area. I'm leaving the French marigolds alone, to see how they weather the coming winter.
- The PICC line will come out on October 4. The next PET scan is scheduled for October 29. Whatever it shows will determine the next step of therapy.

This update will be short of the meditation I've added to previous updates. I'm stewing on one, of course. How could a Christian not ponder a path like this?!

Nevertheless, I feel like I'm now given a respite after a long, demanding, and uncertain slog through a swamp. Barbara and I have often looked at each other in a sort of mental stupor, each of us wondering “Where did the summer go?” Autumn stretches before us, and it's our favorite season. So, for a couple of weeks (Lord willing) we'll gratefully put our feet into thoroughly ordinary ruts and let them guide us through the season.

My plan is to write you another update in a couple of weeks, that one with (I hope) the meditation I'm stewing on at present. Meanwhile, I cannot count the number of times I thank our Lord for all of you, for your faithfulness and generosity to pray for me. Isn't it odd (from the World's point of view) that one of the most obvious fruits of the past four months is a dramatic increase in thankfulness! And, thankful I am - to every one of you for praying for me, and to our Heavenly Father for hearing your intercessions on my behalf.

Much love in Him,

Fr. Bill Mouser